

AERONAUTICS DIVISION

(Division of Montana Department of Transportation)

Purpose: The Aeronautics Division has two bureaus: Safety and Education and Airport and Airways. The Safety and Education Bureau is responsible for registering Montana's pilots and aircraft, conducting air search and rescue training and operations and provides various seminars, clinics and promotes aviation education. The Airport and Airways Bureau assists airports with technical expertise, coordinates with the Aeronautics Board to process airport grant requests and maintains and operates: non-directional beacons, radio beacons, air-to-ground communication sites and the 15 state-owned airports.

Authorities: MCA - Title 67.

Roles & Responsibilities:

Safety & Education Bureau

- Acts as the point of contact, on call 24/7, for Air search & rescue in the state through an agreement between the Governor and the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. [*Public Health/Safety – Safety*]
- Provide technical expertise with regard to emergency locator transmitters, search and rescue procedures and winter survival. [*Technical Assistance*]

Airport & Airways Bureau

- Maintains non-directional beacons and unicom's during emergency and non-emergency situations to ensure safe aircraft operations. [*Public Health/Safety – Safety*]
- Provide information regarding the conditions and usability of airports as they relate to emergency response. [*Coordination*]